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1. THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY WILL BE REPRESENTED AT ECMT MEETING BY RICHARD BURKE, COMMISSIONER WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR TRANSPORT; NOEL COGHLAN, HIS DEPUTY CHEF DE CABINET AND JUERGEN ERDMENGER, DIRECTOR FOR TRANSPORT POLICY.

2. THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMON TRANSPORT POLICY IS SET OUT AS A GOAL IN ARTICLES 74 AND 75 OF THE ROME TREATY. THE EC IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING AND LAYING DOWN "COMMON RULES APPLICABLE TO INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT TO OR FROM THE TERRITORY OF A MEMBER STATE OR PASSING ACROSS THE TERRITORY OF ONE OR MORE MEMBER STATES AND THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH NON-RESIDENT CARRIERS MAY OPERATE TRANSPORT SERVICES." GENERAL GUIDELINES WERE DEVELOPED IN 1965 AND REDEFINED IN 1973. THE GUIDING PRINCIPAL IS THAT TRANSPORT COMPANIES AND USERS SHOULD BENEFIT FROM THE ADVANTAGES OF COMPETITION.

3. THE COMMUNITY RECOGNIZES THAT IS A LONG WAY FROM ITS GOAL OF A COMMON TRANSPORT POLICY. REMOVING IMPEDIMENTS TO THE FREE CIRCULATION OF TRANSPORT SERVICES, HARMONIZING THE FRAMEWORK OF THE DIFFERENT TRANSPORT MODES AND WIDENING THE CONCEPT OF WHAT IS INCLUDED IN A COMMON POLICY ARE THE SHORT TERM OBJECTIVES AND SOME PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE BUT NATIONAL INTERESTS HAVE INTERVENED IN MANY CRUCIAL AREAS OF ROAD TRANSPORT.

4. RICHARD BURKE, COMMISSIONER WITH THE TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO, HAD NO TRANSPORTATION EXPERIENCE PRIOR TO ASSUMING HIS DUTIES IN JANUARY 77. THE COMMISSION
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OFFICIALS OF DG-VII (TRANSPORTATION) ARE PLEASED WITH THE INTEREST HE HAS TAKEN. IN A JANUARY 25 SPEECH BURKE SAID HE BELIEVED THAT TRANSPORT SERVICES SHOULD SERVE USERS NEEDS. CHANGES IN THE EC INFRASTRUCTURE SHOULD BE PLANNED WITH AN EYE TO REGIONAL, ENVIRONMENTAL, FISCAL AND ENERGY OBJECTIVES. HE BELIEVES THE COMMUNITY SHOULD WORK TOGETHER ON THE MANY INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS OF TRANSPORT AND PRESENT A COMMON FRONT IN NEGOTIATIONS.

5. DG-VII OFFICIALS VIEW ROAD AND RAIL TRANSPORT AS THE MAJOR PROBLEMS TODAY. CERTAIN MEMBER STATES ARE CONCERNED OVER PAYING WHAT THEY BELIEVE TO BE A DISPROPORTIONATE AMOUNT OF ROAD MAINTAINENCE COSTS. STANDARDIZATION OF TRUCKS' WEIGHT AND DIMENSIONS HAS GROWN INTO A POLITICAL BATTLE, AS HAVE REGULATIONS FOR TRANSPORT OF PERISHABLE FOOD STUFFS AND LIVE ANIMALS. THE HUGE DEFICIT PROBLEMS OF THE RAILWAY HAULING INDUSTRY HAVE LED TO THE CREATION OF A "RAILWAYS GROUP" TO STUDY THE PROBLEM AND MAKE THEIR PROPOSALS IN JANUARY 1978.

OFFICIALS ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE PRESENT NATIONALISTIC,
MONOPOLISTIC RAILWAY STRUCTURE MUST BE CHANGED BUT HAVE
RUN INTO STRONG UNION PROBLEMS.

6. OTHER AREAS, INCLUDING AVIATION, INLAND WATERWAYS AND
SHIPPING HAVE BARELY BEEN TOUCHED AS YET BY THE COMMUNITY,
LEAVING NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS TO REGULATE AND CONTROL
THESE MODES.HINTON

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